

# Reiser seeks to appeal - says lawyer 'hates me'

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Hans Reiser, the computer programmer who admitted to strangling his estranged wife, is trying to appeal his conviction and sentence on the grounds of ineffective assistance from his lead attorney.

Reiser accused defense attorney William Du Bois of basing jury selection in part on Chinese astrology and said the lawyer had "oxytocin excess" because people who have too much of the hormone "enjoy betraying others."

In a 10-page document handwritten from San Quentin State Prison and filed with Alameda County Superior Court earlier this month, Reiser wrote: "He has much in common with persons I was in conflict with during my divorce and identified with them to an extent that biased him against me enough that he wanted to betray me. He hates me."

His allegations aside, his chances of prevailing are slim.

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